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SPECIAL MEETING, JULY, 1897.

A SPECIAL MEETING was held on Thursday, the 8th instant, at three o'clock, P. M., at No. 73 Tremont Street, to hear the report of the Committee on the New Building, and to act upon it; the President, CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, LL.D, in the chair.

The PRESIDENT reported verbally, on behalf of the Joint Committee, to the effect that, under the votes of the Society, the whole matter of erecting the proposed new building upon the Fenway had been referred to the Committee in question, with instructions to cause plans to be prepared and estimates made, and, when completed, to report the same to the Society for its action.¹ The Committee had attended to that duty; the plans had been prepared and perfected by Messrs. Wheelwright and Haven, and were then upon the table open to the inspection of members of the Society. After careful consideration it had been decided to use for the exterior of the new building a combination of what is known as "spotted" brick with Indiana limestone, specimens of which were submitted. The Committee had received estimates of the cost of construction of so much of the proposed building as was required for the present needs of the Society, which came within the limit of \$120,000, the amount settled upon by the Committee as the extreme limit to which the Society would be justified at this time in going. The estimate included all the work of construction, as well as the commission of the architects.

The Committee, therefore, recommended that the plans submitted and upon the table should be approved; that the Committee as now composed should be continued; and that the plans and all papers should be referred back to the said Committee with authority to proceed in the work of construction.

In accordance with this recommendation, it was thereupon unanimously

Voted: That the Joint Committee on a New Building appointed at the Annual Meeting be continued in office; and that the report, plans, and estimates submitted by the President be approved, and referred back to said Committee with full authority to proceed in the work of construction.

¹ 2 Proceedings, vol. x. pp. 299, 585.